QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Educational policy.

185. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received copies of resolutions by letters or telegrams protesting against the new educational policy of Government namely taking over the complete control and management of primary education and primary schools and thus abolish and discourage grant-in-aid schools now managed by private agencies; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, the number of such resolutions received from the State and from outside the State respectively?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) and (*b*) Several resolutions in identifical terms have been received from many sources in favour of and against the Government's decision but they have not been classified as Government's decision is final.

Mr. Paul A. Thaliath: The Dewan-President has stated that he has received about 3000 to 4000 telegrams protesting against the new educational policy of the Government. Now the answer given says that they have not been classified as in favour of or against. Without classification how was it possible to state that he has received about 3900 or 4000 telegrams?

President: The total number can well be known. Government have not taken the trouble of classifying them because they do not propose to take notice of those telegrams.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai (*Municipal Councils*): May I know from the member whether Government are aware that there is an overwhelming public opinion in Travancore in favour of the decision of the Government to take up the control and management of primary education?

Mr. A. Narayanan Tampi: Yes, they are aware of it.

New educational policy.

186. ***Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have any information with regard to the resolutions, by telegrams and letters received by the Government of India protesting against the new educational policy of this Government namely taking over the complete control and management of primary education; and

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